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1. On 13 April 1952 gas masks were distributed to some troops of the Chinese Communist 566 Regiment, 189 Division, in North Korea. The gas masks were manufactured in Mukden. Gauze masks were distributed to those men who did not receive regulation masks. The gauze masks were to be exchanged at a later date for the masks made in Mukden, according to a squad leader in the regiment.
2. The troops with gauze masks were told to keep a small can filled with their own urine near their foxholes. They were told that in case chemical or biological warfare tactics were used by United Nation forces, they were to dip the gauze masks into the urine and put the saturated gauze mask over their faces, covering nose and mouth, to prevent their inhaling either gas or bacteria.

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